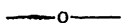


error, our teachers do not suppose that all shortcomings of Faith or errors of practice are to be charged on any one body that stands apart from us. Roman errors are not the only ones to be avoided and combatted. If this were the case, all who are termed Protestants would be united. While Rome holds all the essentials of the Christian Faith, she has mixed with them that for which we cannot find scriptural ground, and we see that Dissenters have not the Apostolic Ministry, in which alone rests the absolving power, and the right to declare what the church's doctrines are, for "the edifying of the Body of Christ." None but duly ordained persons should presume on Sacramental Administration. We hold fast by this Ministry, which was established by our Lord in the persons of the Holy Apostles with such words as are now used in the church by our Bishops, in Ordination of Priests; and the authority is continued in those who are Successors to the Apostles by laying on of Episcopal hands.

Let us therefore give earnest heed to the Ministry, the Word and the Sacraments. Rome has, we most firmly believe, departed from the Word in many things, and nonconformists in our judgment are wanting in an authorized ministry. We are to "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." *



THE CALENDAR.

In our notes on the Black letter days of our Church Calendar, it is to be distinctly understood, that we only record the popular legends which come to us by tradition, some of which may be true, but many, perhaps, the most of them are altogether fabulous; they

are interesting as showing us what others have believed rather than as articles of our own faith. The first for our notice in August is "*Lanmas Day*." In the Roman Calendar it is designated and is generally known as the Feast of "*St. Peter in his fetters*," and is the day on which his imprisonment is commemorated, founded upon a legend invented by the Emperor Theodosius. Eudoxia his wife is said, while on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to have discovered the two chains with which the apostle was bound, (Acts xii.) She presented them to the Pope, and obtained a decree of the Emperor, to celebrate the deliverance of a Christian apostle rather than do honor to the memory of Caesar, who on that day was first saluted as *Augustus*, and who had in consequence changed the name of the month from Sextilis to August. Another tradition assigns a different reason for the observance of this day, and its nomenclature "*Lanmas day*," from a vain superstition, still existing, that Saint Peter was the patron of lambs; upon which he believed that the mass of this day caused their lambs to thrive. A better reason is to be derived from the Saxon word "*Loaf-mass*," it being customary to offer on that day an oblation of wheat as the first fruit of their harvest.

"Transfiguration of our Lord." This Festival was instituted by the Pope Calixtus in the year 1455, but, it had been observed in the Greek Church long before.

The name of Jesus; this day was formerly consecrated to the memory of Afra, who was converted by Narcissus, Bishop of Jerusalem, but, how it came to be changed, and the purpose of the change we are unable to explain. *The name of Jesus* requires no special day; it is commemorated every day, by Christians who utter it